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1. Operating & Housing Facilities: Besides an effective night illumination system, the field also has three air-raid sirens on top of the SAP Headquarters building. A radio station has been installed in the headquarters since previous observation. The former German Air Force barracks is known to have a maximum capacity of 8,000 men, but the number of Soviet personnel now billeted in those barracks is unknown.
 2. Aircraft and Air Activity: During the period covered by this report, no increased air activity was observed over that previously reported. About fifteen ME-109 fighters were seen on the field on 15 November 1946; they were used every day for flight training of Soviet Air Force personnel. (Comment: These are planes recently produced at the Dessau Aircraft Factory and being tested at Kletzsche.) Twelve Stornovik 2-engine bombers (sic, probably DB-3P's) were stationed on this field and flew practically every day during this period in the direction of Dresden-Königsbruck-Kamenz, returning to their base after each flight. Ten single-engine Soviet bi-plane trainers were stationed on the field. ME-109's were observed on two occasions to be performing target practice over the field.
 3. Hangers: There are three hangers on the north side of the field, about thirty meters high, 200 meters wide, and 150 meters long. They have arch-type roofs and sliding doors, are of steel construction, and painted gray-green. Each hanger has a shop to handle minor fuselage and motor repairs.
 4. Gasoline Dump: A gasoline dump is located at the end of the railroad tracks leading to the air field, next to the former German Air Force barracks. About 100 fifty-gallon drums were recognized, although octane rating could not be determined. Gasoline is brought to the field via the railroad line, located just east of the field as indicated in the sketch accompanying previous report.

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5. Ammunition Bunkers: The ~~ammunition~~ bunkers which are located approximately 3 kms northeast of the field along the Dresden-Görlitz Road, are constructed so they can be rotated during an air raid, thus rendering them less vulnerable to attack. Three bunkers of this type are also located at the southeast corner of the field; at present they serve as storage places for precision instruments and parachutes. The tops of these well-camouflaged bunkers extend only about 50 cm. above the ground.

6. Miscellaneous:

- a. German technicians employed at the field have been invited to enlist in the Soviet Air Force. Those few who have accepted the invitation are immediately sent away from Klotzsche. So far, the recruitment program is reported to be unsuccessful.
- b. The Arnemann works in Dresden is producing optical equipment for planes, some of which has been delivered to the Klotzsche Air Base. In the fall of 1946, when an international commission visited the factory, all evidences that the plant was producing equipment for military aircraft were concealed and the commission was led to believe that the factory produces only commercial optical items.
- c. The Pauli factory in Neugersdorf, near Zittau, Saxony, is producing new parachutes for the Soviet Air Force. In addition, it is repairing old German Air Force parachutes, some of which have been returned to the Klotzsche Air Base.

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